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AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the final Official Action dated November 26, 2001,
applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 19, as follows:

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--Fig. 1 shows the amino acid (SEQ ID No:1) sequence (and DNA sequence (SEQ ID No:2)) of a fusion polypeptide H-IL-6 according to the invention. Sequences for the restriction enzyme SalI (GTCGAC), the signal peptide (MLAVGCALLAALLAAPGAA) and the linker (RGGGGSGGGGSGGGGSVE) are indicated. The linker links the



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AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is an Amendment and Reply Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed are: Exhibits A-C attached to Amendment and Reply,
and a Notice of Appeal with the requisite fee.
- ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the
☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

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☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					-0-

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

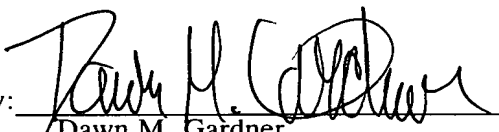
☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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